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My Dear Mr Garrison:-

Pardon this intrusion, for my mind and heart, of late, have been so full of the "Negro exodus, and its possible results, that I speak and write when otherwise I might restrain both tongue and pen. How true the Scripture saying, that, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." The recent development with reference to migration of our colored brethren to the South, to the vacant lands of the West, have been of such deep interest to myself, that every paragraph

bearing on this subject in the
daily prints is laid hold of
with avidity, and I am constant
by looking for, and awaiting
the further evolving of that which
appears to be (and I am justi-
fied in such a conclusion) of a
Providential directing. Today,
as I sat at the dinner
table, musing upon this great
event, in the history of an
outraged and oppressed peo-
ple, my mind turned quite
naturally toward yourself, as
a long and trusted leader
in the deliverance of those
who were held in unrighteous
bondage - as one indeed, who
ever felt as one bound,
with those who were in bonds -
and I thought within myself
how pleasant a thing it
would be if the Good old

"Liberator" — with its endeared motto, "My Country is the world, My Countrymen are all mankind," could be received in a crisis like the present, and our Dearly beloved Garrison — with his ready pen — could send forth to the millions of our land the ingenuous and humanizing thoughts of his well stored mind.

Would that the visitation of the "Ist Inst" — and its results — had not crippled me, and deprived me of all that I had, & I am cheerfully would I suffer adequate means to recover a paper whose mission in the cause of a suffering humanity is so dear to me.

I mourn my inability to

Hearing
and by any substantial aid
suffering brethren in their
flights from their oppressors
to the land of promise,
where they may, in quietude,
"sit down under their own
vine and fig tree," and attain
to a full citizenship, and an
equitable representation in
the general govt. — —

At the coming
meeting on Thursday, I
shall await with
the deepest interest
words from your lips, as
words of experience and
enlightenment.

God bless you
in these late years of
your much useful life!

Again I say pardon this
intrusion upon your valuable time.

Truly and lovingly, Geo. W. Cavens.

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